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Local News

Paw Paw and Vicinity

Mrs. E. H. Harvey is the guest of Kalamazoo friends.

Mrs. E. L. Goodale visited Paw Paw friends this week.

Royal T. Hall of Grand Rapids was in Paw Paw last Friday.

Frank Miller returned Monday from a business trip to New York city.

Mrs. A. W. Showerman is at the home of her son Bert Showerman in Sturgis.

Frank McLain has recovered from his recent illness and is again on the job at his barber shop.

Miss Xenia Mason is spending the week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mason.

Donald Payne of Chicago, joined his wife who is visiting friends here, for the week end.

George Whitehead was called to Marcellus last Sunday by the illness of his father.

Mrs. Sheridan Masters of Grand Rapids is a guest at the home of G. W. Longwell Sr. this week.

Maxwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Jennings is recovering from a mild attack of scarlet fever.

Claude Snow is in Saginaw to attend the annual convention of the State Hardware Dealers association.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones who were called here on account of the death of his mother have returned to their home in Chicago.

Miss Lettie Tabbs is spending a vacation among Paw Paw relatives and friends. The schools in Benton Harbor where she is teaching are closed on account of shortage of fuel.

If there are any Alien Enemies in the jurisdiction of the Paw Paw post office who have not registered according to law, they should see the post master at once. This is imperative, under heavy penalty.

The County Farm agent has a number of copies of a list of the available seeds in Van Buren county which they have been able to locate to-date. Mr. Farrand will gladly send a copy to any interested party who will make his wants known to him.

Fred Latshaw, who recently underwent a serious operation at the Base hospital at Camp Grant, has nearly recovered from the same and is home on a ten days furlough, a part of which he is spending with Paw Paw friends.

A five days program for Michigan Farmers and Housewives will be conducted at the Michigan Agricultural college from March 4 to 8. This has come to be known as "Farmers Week" and many are planning to take advantage of the splendid opportunity.

Frank M. Bailey is in Paw Paw this week. He is no longer with the Traver Canning company of Hartford, but will work for a Cleveland firm this season. His wife who has been very ill in a hospital in Grand Rapids is recovering rapidly now, and will soon be able to return home. Her mother, Mrs. Bertha North is with her.

On account of fuel shortage, a frozen boiler of the heating plant, etc. it is yet impossible to use the Masonic lodge room, and a special dispensation permits the holding of a Masonic lodge meeting elsewhere. The Master has therefore called a meeting for Judge Killefer's office in the Court House on Tuesday evening, February 19th. There will be no "work" but there is business of importance that needs attention.

The True Northerner was in error last week in stating that the jury in the Dalton Carpp trial stood ten for acquittal and two for conviction throughout the many hours of their deliberation. We are informed by one of the jurors on the case that the vote varied considerably during the twenty-eight ballots taken in an effort to agree. That at one time the jury stood seven for conviction and five for acquittal. Not until Monday morning, the last day of their deliberation did the jury stand ten to two, as stated last week.

Mrs. Paul Smith was a Kalamazoo visitor on Wednesday.

Miss Corabell Almond visited the River Valley school last Friday.

Miss Mabel Green visited at the home of Marjorie Jacobs last Sunday.

The Friday club will meet at the home of Mrs. George Tuttle this week.

Mrs. Horace Adams has been spending several days in Lawton at the home of her parents.

Miss Ethel Green and sister Maude Simmons were callers at the home of Vera Jacobs last Sunday.

Miss Irene White of Bangor spent the latter part of last week at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Eli Irey.

"Grand Ma Gibbs" of the Red Cross is on her way to Paw Paw. Watch and wait for her. Particulars later.

Miss Frances Larned of Kalamazoo spent the week end in Paw Paw, the guest of her friend Miss Ola Killefer.

Clayton Almond who has been visiting at the home of Frank Haskins has returned to his home in Battle Creek.

Miss Audrey Cross who is teaching in the Hastings City schools came home last week for a short vacation among relatives and friends.

Howard Parks writes his parents that he is quarantined at Camp Custer on account of several cases of mumps in the Headquarters depot of his Battalion.

Through the Longwell and Warner real estate agency, the Minster farm east of Paw Paw has been sold to a party from Northern Michigan. Mr. Polmanteer who has lived there will move back to Alma.

Judge and Mrs. Des Voignes had to vacate their quarters at the Clifton hotel during the extreme cold weather. On account of the scarcity of fuel, it was impossible to make the hotel comfortable, and the Sheriff gladly and hospitably took them in.

About thirty girls, members of the Junior Red Cross, enjoyed a Pot-luck supper at the home of Miss Caroline Johnson last Friday evening. The girls are busy making useful articles for the babies and young children of Belgium and France.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate Simpson Jr. are rejoicing over the advent of a little daughter born to them last Friday at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Lepper in Lawrence. Mother and babe are fine, grand pas and grand mas are happy and everything is lovely.

The Grange meeting which was announced for next Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Buskirk in Paw Paw has been postponed on account of the condition of the roads. The next meeting will be the "Regular" at Memorial Hall on Saturday, March 2nd.

Rev. I. P. Bates is in receipt of a post card from St. Cloud, Florida, showing a picture of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonso Cross and Mr. and Mrs. Myron Sanburn who are spending the winter there. The picture shows a fine string of fish and would indicate that there is "Some Fishing" in St. Cloud. The Party are all well and enjoying fine weather there the card states.

The annual chicken pie dinner of the ladies of the Coterie and "The Daughters" will be held at the club house next Wednesday February 20th, at 6:00 P. M. Each member is asked to bring plate, cup, knife, fork and spoon. There will be entertainment in the evening, and all members are requested to try and "Make this one."

The following paragraph is clipped from a letter recently received from Congressman E. L. Hamilton:—"This has been the toughest winter in my experience here in Washington. The war and things incident to the war, that is fuel shortage and food shortage whether actual or not, have put prices out of sight and entailed hardship and suffering among the poor. I am counting the days now 'till Spring. Have never been quite so busy it seems to me. I am on the Committee which is considering the necessary legislation incident to taking over the railroads, and on the special committee which has jurisdiction of the Federal Water Power problem and there has been scarcely time to take a long breath."

Joseph Cone was in Bloomingdale on Wednesday.

Mrs. M. H. Young spent Tuesday last in Kalamazoo.

Leland Gorton made a business trip to Dowagiac on Thursday.

Prosecutor H. H. Adams and wife spent a part of this week in Chicago.

Mrs. Mary Swarthout of Ann Arbor is the guest of her brothers Erasmus and Joseph Cone.

Mrs. Dallas Ferris of Lawrence was the guest of Mrs. George Weston last Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Neal Liggett of Grand Rapids is the guest of her parents Under Sheriff Lang and wife this week.

Mrs. F. R. Avery who has been on the sick list for the past week or more is on the gain and will soon be out again.

Little Miss Marvel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pugsley has been quite sick with the Grip the past week. She is improving now.

Ray Phillipi is again on the sick list and is confined to his home with quincy. Wilbur N. Scott is taking his place at Warner's market.

Mrs. Jennie Hutchins of Orlando, Florida renews her subscription to The True Northerner. "Delightful weather and all well", she says.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Benedict who was operated on for appendicitis some time ago, is improving rapidly and will soon be well again.

The following residents of Mattawan were in Paw Paw Wednesday to interview the Income Tax expert:—C. F. Hosmer, John Hunt, Will Downing and C. F. Goodrich.

G. E. Prater Jr. left for Benton Harbor on Wednesday. He will remain there for several days and will then go South in the interest of the North American Fruit Exchange, in whose employ he has been for the past year.

Harry Busley says that "He has thawed out again" and will soon have his lunch room in operation. He will be located at the old stand in the Grimes building, and cordially invites all his friends to call when they want a lunch or square meal.

J. L. Woodworth on Route six has placed an order for a 1918 Model Ford car, equipped with a Gray and Davis self starter as a birthday present for his wife. The car was ordered through the Packer and Giddings agency of Lawton, and will be delivered the latter part of April.

The ladies of the Coterie will give a Military Euchre party at their club rooms next Thursday evening at 7:30 to which all are invited. Refreshments will be served and a fee of 25 cents will be asked.

Dell Maguire has been transferred to "Scott Field" Belleville, Ill., where he will take a six weeks training course for the Aero Squadron. His new address is Scott Field, Belleville, Ill., 262 Aero Squadron. In a letter to The True Northerner he states he likes it much better there than at Camp Grant.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission announces a rural Carriers examination at South Haven and Paw Paw on Saturday, March 9th, to fill the position of Rural Carrier at Grand Junction and other vacancies that may occur in Van Buren county. Application blanks and information may be obtained at the post office.

A letter from Roland Shaefer to his parents states that he has been placed in Class One of the draft and expects to serve in a special Hospital Unit. Roland is now a nurse in the State Hospital at Warm Springs, Montana, and had several months experience in the same line at the Michigan State Hospital at Kalamazoo before he went West. He is especially adapted for that class of work.

Mr. Goff, Income Tax expert, is still busy at the Court House. People from all over this section of the county are taking advantage of the opportunity to get posted on the requirements of the Income Tax law. Mr. Goff has been unable to arrange a date for Hartford to accommodate those in the central portion of the county, and will be in Paw Paw until tonight. He goes to South Haven tomorrow for the balance of the month.

Sheriff Beattie was in Kalamazoo on Tuesday.

Frank Corey of Lawrence was in Paw Paw on Wednesday.

Attorney W. J. Barnard was in Kalamazoo on legal business on Thursday.

Miss Mae Brumstead was out of town on Thursday and Friday of this week.

Harry Waters is in Saginaw this week to attend the State Hardware Dealers convention.

Arba Hawley has recovered from an attack of the measles and is on the job again at the post office.

Bert Showerman continues to improve and will soon be able to come to Paw Paw for a visit and long rest.

Mrs. James McLeod has gone to Milwaukee for a visit with her daughter Mrs. Herbert Welch and family.

Clair Allen of Montana was called here the latter part of last week by the death of his mother, Mrs. M. P. Allen.

Kerosene continues to be scarce. Dealers have had a limited amount during the week, which has been distributed, one gallon to a customer.

Local merchants have received a few pounds of sugar the past week, which has been sold out, one pound to a customer as far as it would go.

Green wood is still selling at \$4.00 per cord. The continued mild weather however will undoubtedly lower the price.

One week from today, Friday, February 22nd, is Washington's birthday and a legal holiday. All Paw Paw banks will be closed on that day.

Miss Mary O'Grady spent several days this week at the home of her friend Mrs. Arthur Conklin in Kalamazoo and attended the "Alma Gluck" concert.

Mrs. J. E. Gilkey is visiting her sister Mrs. A. E. Geldoff in Chicago. Her mother Mrs. G. W. Lee is keeping house for the Doctor and taking care of the baby during her absence.

A letter from Lieutenant Frank Isbell from "Somewhere in France" states that he is out of the hospital and on duty again. It was found that an operation was not necessary.

Harry Nash and wife were guests of Paw Paw friends last Sunday. Harry started on Monday for a business trip to Cincinnati and Mrs. Nash remained here with friends during his absence.

The Michigan War Preparedness Board will hold a conference in Lansing on Wednesday, February 20th. Judge Anderson, president of the Van Buren county board is planning to attend.

The M. A. C. has enlisted the services of school children to ascertain just how much help the farmers of Michigan will need to plant and care for their crops during this year. With the help of the children "Questionnaires" are being distributed among the farmers.

In some mysterious manner report gained circulation in Paw Paw last Friday that Theodore Roosevelt was dead. There was a general feeling of relief when the rumor was found to be false. Roosevelt is one of the men of this nation who cannot well be spared at this time.

Harry Coleman, managing editor of the Detroit Free Press passed away the first of the week. He was formerly editor and manager of the Pontiac Press-Gazette, and was widely known in newspaper circles. He had visited in Paw Paw and was known to several people here.

Splendid features continue on the program at the Idle Hour theatre. Tonight and Saturday night, a nine reel feature "On Trial" will be shown as a High School Band Benefit. The house should be packed to capacity. Boost for the Idle Hour, and contribute a "Bit" for the band. They are deserving of it.

Dr. Jackson, local health officer, again advises people to boil their drinking water. The state health department pronounces the water perfectly pure, but Dr. Jackson believes such an excess of mineral matter in the drinking is not conducive to good health, and advises boiling as before.

Editor Lewis of Lawton was a Paw Paw visitor on Tuesday.

Mrs. Martha Bennett is visiting at the home of her son, Dr. Charles Bennett of Gobleville.

Miss Margaret Cole is a week end guest at the home of Mrs. John Latshaw in Allegan.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jacobs and Mrs. Levi Waite were Sunday visitors at the home of Dar Waite.

Fred Mauk of Bangor was a welcome caller at The True Northerner office Thursday. He was in Paw Paw looking up his income tax.

Two carloads of coal arrived last Saturday, which with the rise in temperature has relieved the situation considerably.

Mrs. Herbert Durringer of Chicago is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Cole on North Gremps street.

A fine eleven pound pickerel was on display at the Model market on Thursday. It was taken from Pugsley's lake by Frank Cole.

Don't forget the auction sale at the Peter Fritz place on Tuesday, February 19th. A hot lunch will be served at noon.

Lieutenants Mark Chaffee, Robert Dillon and Sergeant Max Benton came from Camp Custer last Sunday to enjoy a day at home with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Mary Murdock passed her ninety-fifth milestone in life's journey last Wednesday. She was the recipient of many potted plants and flowers and other felicitations.

The funeral of Mrs. Betsy Spencer was held last Sunday afternoon from the Glendale church, Rev. C. H. Heaton officiating. Interment was made in the Glendale cemetery.

The M. A. C. recommends the use of Cottage Cheese as a good substitute for meat on Meatless days. A pound of Cottage Cheese is worth 1 1/4 pounds of sirloin or 1 1/2 pounds of fowl says the M. A. C.

Commissioners of schools in all the Michigan counties are planning to attend a conference at the M. A. C. on March 8th, to take up problems of the rural schools and to discuss their relation to the rapidly growing agricultural extension service.

Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Fowler received a letter from Mrs. Fowler's brother Charles Phillips of Aurora, Illinois, stating that he has been on a visit to the South, and while there saw The Aseltine-Prater party. They were "On a Ferry boat crossing the Bay" he wrote.

Mrs. Jay Harrington and family are still in Paw Paw. It is probable that they will not return to Ann Arbor again this year. Kirk will not attend the University this semester, but will accept a position in Kalamazoo for the balance of the year, and start in the Dental department of the U. of M. at the beginning of next college year. Mrs. Harrington may go to Kalamazoo with Kirk, but it is hoped by the many Paw Paw friends that this place may again be their home.

Following is a report of articles finished and sent to State or Division Red Cross headquarters from Van Buren county headquarters since September 11th, of last year:—Knitted Goods—681 Sweaters, 421 Mufflers, 616 pairs Wristlets, 324 Helmets and 925 pairs of Socks, Patients clothing—834 suits of Pajamas, 553 hospital bed shirts, Miscellaneous Hospital Supplies—966 towels, 2629 table napkins, 1785 tray cloths, 320 comfort pillows, 1690 wash cloths, 150 dust cloths, 27 fracture pillows, 16 abdominal bandages, 70 shoulder wraps, 36 shoulder slings, 36 triangular bandages, 188 pairs bed socks, 88 hot water bag covers, 124 knitted sponges and 2 complete equipments for patients. Mrs. W. F. Hoyt, secretary, reports all units in the county well organized and doing splendid work. Their shipments are made promptly and with hardly any exception the workmanship and packing are of a high order. The Berlamont Unit is doing especially well and she states that if all units would send in work equally good as to finish and packing, Van Buren county would soon earn the privilege of putting the "Green Label" on all shipments. This means that all Van Buren county work could be shipped direct to France without inspection at Detroit.

Miss Maude Haas has returned from Kokomo, Indiana where she has been visiting relatives.

A. H. Campbell of Mattawan was among the Paw Paw visitors from that village last Tuesday.

Verne Decker was home for the week end, returning to Vandalia again Tuesday, to continue the sale of a stock of merchandise which he is closing out there.

The True Northerner advertises an auction sale for Peter Fritz this week. The date is Tuesday, February 19th, and a quarter page "ad" in this issue tells the story.

Mrs. C. F. Loveland underwent an operation at Bronson hospital in Kalamazoo last week, and at this writing is slowly gaining. It will be several weeks however before she will be able to come home.

Mrs. Leo Warner came from Kalamazoo last week Thursday for a visit with Paw Paw relatives and friends. She returned to her home in Kalamazoo on Tuesday afternoon.

A letter from Mrs. H. D. Valleau of Twin Falls, Idaho renewing their subscription to The True Northerner states that they are having fine weather there. "No snow now, and only a flurry when it does snow" she says and closes with this luxurious bit of news:—"Plenty of coal and sugar and lots of everything to eat."

The weather has been quite spring like the past week. Heavy rain the first of the week lowered the snow considerably and filled many cellars with water. The roads in many places have been impassable, and the rural mail carriers have been unable to make their entire routes. A warm wind continues to blow, however, and the snow is lowering rapidly. It really looks as though the backbone of a strenuous winter was broken.

The County Agricultural Agent recommends the following plan for the "Individual Ear Test for Seed Corn." Secure a box one and a half to two inches deep and not so large but it can be easily handled; drive tacks on all four sides two inches apart; fill in with sand or saw-dust to within a half inch of the top; stretch wrapping twine from tack to tack both ways, so as to cut the box up into a lot of little squares, then spread the corn to be tested out in a row along one side of an unused room or on a corn rack; take up ear No. 1, pick out six kernels, each from a distinct part of the ear and press same firmly in the sand in square No. 1. Place six kernels from ear No. 2 in square No. 2, and proceed then until the whole box is filled, then cover with a half inch of sand; wet thoroughly and keep in a warm place applying moisture from time to time as it is needed. After the corn is well up the plants in each square should be carefully examined, and the number of any square where all six kernels do not grow should be taken then of the same number to be discarded. All that is needed to get fine results by the above system is absolute accuracy in the work.

BOY SCOUTS.

The troop will assemble in front of the Hawley-Warner offices at 1:30 P. M. next Saturday. Object? Hike. This is to be your day to entertain your "dad"—bring your own or adopt one for the occasion. Have lunch with you—and something you may cook in the open.

Theo. H. Freeman, C.

UNION CAUCUS.

A union caucus will be held in the Council Rooms in the village of Paw Paw Wednesday evening, February 20th, 1918 at 7:30 o'clock to nominate the following officers to be voted upon at the regular spring election to be held March 11th, 1918.

One Village President; One Village Clerk; One Village Treasurer; One Village Assessor; Three Trustees for full term and One Trustee for one year and for the transaction of such other business as may come before it.
H. L. McNeil
T. J. Cavanaugh
H. A. Cole
Democratic Village Committee
G. F. Warner
M. H. Young
H. W. Showerman
Republican Village Committee.